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FATAL THUNDERBOLT.

Instantly Killed Isaac Fink Last Thursday Afternoon in His Barn on Pleasant Ridge.

IN LICKING CREEK TOWNSHIP.

During a thunder shower that passed over Licking Creek township last Thursday afternoon, Isaac Fink, one of that township's oldest citizens, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Mr. Fink owned the old Fink property on the Ridge, just south of the "Tommy Hessler" property, and since the death of his wife several years ago—not having any other family, he has had his home with Joseph B. Mellott's, about a half mile distant from the Fink property on an adjoining farm. He did not do any farming himself, but let out fields to neighbors to farm on shares. During the summer months he went to and fro between Mr. Mellott's and his farm several times almost every day; as he generally had a few sheep and some chickens to look after. Last Thursday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Mumma and two of their children were at the Fink place. Mr. Mumma is a neighbor, and is farming a field in corn on the Fink place. Mr. Fink was up at the farm. The rain storm coming up, the Mumma family and Mr. Fink took shelter in the barn, and were seated in the southwest corner, when the wind began to blow more and more violently, the rain pouring down in torrents. The loud crashes of thunder caused Mr. Fink to arise and walk across the floor to the opposite side of the barn and seat himself near the weatherboarding. He had not been seated there five minutes until there was a blinding flash of lightning accompanied by an instantaneous crash of thunder, and the already terror-stricken Mummahs were horrified to see the prostrate form of Mr. Fink. Mr. Mumma hastened to the side of the unfortunate man, but death had been instantaneous, for he was not breathing, and there was not the twitch of a muscle. Dr. J. J. Palmer, of Needmore, was summoned; but when he arrived he was as powerless as the most unskilled layman, to more than give directions for the disposal of the body.

The lightning had struck the gable of the barn, followed the crack between the boards down to a cross plate about ten feet from Mr. Fink's head, when the current leaped, piercing a hole in Mr. Fink's straw hat, striking him in the scalp, followed down his face, across his body, and down one leg to a foot setting the clothing afire, and tearing the shoe almost to pieces.

The remains were removed to Mr. Mellott's that evening, and the funeral took place the next day, services being conducted by Rev. J. C. Garland, and the body was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the Fink place beside the graves of his parents. Mr. Fink was aged 65 years and 2 days.

Minister Accepts Call.

At a meeting of the Presbytery held at Petersburg, Pa., on Monday, the call from the Wells Valley congregation was taken from the table and accepted by Rev. E. L. Kennedy and the following were appointed a committee to install him in Wells Valley at a time to be fixed by the session. Rev. H. B. Townsend to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the pastor; Rev. Mark Guy Clayton to preach the sermon and Rev. L. M. Lewis, D. D., to charge the people.

Mrs. George Garner and her little son John William, of Altoona, accompanied by Miss Maye Jones, of the same city, spent the time from last Friday until Tuesday, visiting among Fulton county friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Third Annual District Convention Held at Needmore, Saturday, June 12th.

The third annual District Sunday School Convention of Belfast township, was held at Needmore, Saturday afternoon and evening, June 12th. The following outline shows the line of work done. The work in this District is increasing in scope from year to year and the workers are gaining in enthusiasm and strength:

AFTERNOON.

1. Song—Out of Christ. 2. Devotional exercises, Rev. John Mellott. 3. Prayer, Rev. Wm. R. Truax. 4. Song—Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling. 5. Topic—Why should the Sunday school be kept open all the year? opened by Rev. Mellott, and further discussed by Rev. Truax, Mrs. J. J. Palmer, Job P. Garland, and J. W. Powers. 6. Song—The Blessing of Song. 7. Query—Which do you prefer in Bible Class study—leaflets or the Bible chapters as they come? 8. General discussion. Benediction by Rev. Wm. R. Truax.

EVENING.

Song—Star of Bethlehem. 2. Prayer—Rev. John Mellott. 3. Appointment of Committees on Nominations. 4. Song. 5. Management of the Class, Rev. John Mellott, B. N. Palmer. 6. Quartette. 7. Query—How do you interest the Junior and Primary scholars? Wm. R. Truax. 2. What was the greatest work done by faith in the world? Prof. B. N. Palmer. Query—Why do the church members, or those who profess to be Christians, seem so cold or lukewarm? Rev. John Mellott. 7. Report of Committees. 8. Song—Lead Me On. 9. Collection. 10. Closing hymn—God Be with You. Dismissal. Wm. R. TRUAX, Sec'y. J. W. POWERS, Asst. Sec.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Harvest will soon be here. A large crowd attended Children's service at Shanes school last Sunday.

John Bard and family, of Emmaville, were visiting friends and relatives at this place last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A very large crowd attended the funeral of Isaac Fink last Wednesday.

There will be preaching at Pleasant Grove next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Baptism after preaching.

Those who visited David Kline's Sunday were Reuben Sipe and family, Ephraim Mellott and son Alfred, Wilmer Mason, Foster Mellott, Lois Mason, Viola Sipe, Daisy Mellott, George and Sylvester Deshong, and Sherman and Edna Deshong.

Bennett Truax will soon have his new barn completed.

Allison and Callie Truax spent Sunday at Urner Truax's.

Lois Mason and Samantha Mellott of McConnellsburg, are visiting friends at this place.

Roy Sipes, wife, and daughters—Ethel and Ada, and Mrs. David Kline, spent Friday and Saturday with Roy Garland at Siding Hill.

Scott Mellott and Sarah Truax, James Mellott and Bessie Skiles attended Children's service at Shanes school.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kline spent Sunday evening at Sheridan Deshong's.

Harrisonville Circuit M. E. Church. Sunday, June 27.

Asbury—Children's Day Services 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

Ebenezer—Sunday school 2; preaching 3.

Siloam—Sunday school 9:30; class meeting 10:30; preaching service 8. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8.

Bedford Chapel—Sunday school 2.

Members of official board will please bear in mind the Second Quarterly Conference at Asbury Saturday, July 10th at 3 p. m. L. W. MCGARVEY, pastor.

A Narrow Escape.

On Wednesday of last week Gilbert Wagner, aged about 14 years, son of Robert Wagner, who lives on the Kelly farm about a mile north of Burnt Cabins, made a narrow escape from serious injury. He was plowing corn with a John Deer cultivator in which was hitched a horse and a young mule. At noon he unhitched the horse and then went to the mule and had him unhitched except one trace when the horse started for the barn. The mule at the same time started to follow the horse with one trace still attached to the cornrow when the single tree struck him on the hind legs. This scared the mule and it started to run and Gilbert caught it by the bridle in an attempt to stop it. After running a considerable distance he attempted to get on the mule's back when the plow struck a bank knocking Gilbert on the side of the head knocking him unconscious. The mule continued to run dragging the plow after him. Sometimes it was right side up and at others upside down. In this way the mule ran into Burnt Cabins where he was caught. On examination of the boy it was found that he had received a severe stroke on the side of the head, which as above stated rendered him unconscious and he had also received several ugly cuts on the legs and one foot. A physician was called and rendered necessary surgical aid and the young man is improving.

To Start Young Trees to Growing.

State Zoologist Surface says that the cherry is the hardest to make grow of any fruit that we can plant. One is doing well if he can get fifty per cent. of them to grow, but after they do start they generally come on during the second year and subsequently stay in good condition. This is due chiefly to the fact that the tree has so few fine or small roots such as are needed for taking up immediate moisture and plant food, and it takes some time for it to form such roots. Its first effort to grow is a drain on its stored vitality. When this is exhausted the tree is liable to die by withering at this time of year.

Last year the Professor performed a series of important experiments in stimulating declining trees that had been planted only a few weeks or a few months. He used various vegetable alkaloids, such as nuxvomica, strychnia, etc., and also used nitrate of soda, and found that the last named was by far the best and most efficient stimulant and was also the cheapest. He had excellent results from watering, dehorning and cutting back, and especially from watering declining trees, a teaspoonful of nitrate of soda being dissolved in each gallon of water. The watering should be very extensive. Before applying the water, the soil should be well tramped firmly around the roots. Of course, this should not be done while the ground is wet. Pack it well around the roots, then apply as much water as possible, or at least, a bucket to each young tree, after having dissolved a teaspoonful of nitrate of soda in each gallon of water. Two or three good waterings of this kind, and mulching around the tree with stable dressing, will do more good than anything else to give it a start.

If you did not cut back the top well, removing at least two thirds of the woody growth that was up on it, it should yet be trimmed. In order to throw vigor into the few buds that remain. Most persons in setting trees do not cut back far enough.

As to the time of planting, the earlier in the spring the cherry tree is planted, the better it is. There is no kind of fruit tree that demands such early planting as the cherry, and it will suffer more severely from late planting than any other kind.

SCENES OF HIS BOYHOOD.

Harvey Sipes, of Ohio, is Visiting Friends in This County After an Absence of Many Years.

Mr. George C. Sipes, of Thompson township, and his uncle Harvey Sipes, of Mount Gilead, O., were in town a few hours last Saturday, and in the evening went out to Licking Creek township and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus Sipes. Uncle Harvey was born in Belfast township, on the farm now owned by William Keener, and was a son of George Sipes who was a brother of John Sipes father of our townsmen James and J. Nelson Sipes. Harvey went to Ohio in 1859. In August 1861, he enlisted and went to the front to help put down the Rebellion; and when his term of enlistment expired, he re-enlisted, and was continuously in the service until the close of the war, reaching Columbus, Ohio on his return from the army, on Christmas morning, 1865. He was with Sherman on his march "from Atlanta to the Sea," went back after Hood, and participated in many of the active campaigns of the War. Mr. Sipes is now a retired farmer, well preserved, and companionable, and we trust he may find his visit to the county of his nativity full of pleasure and interest. The last time he was in this county prior to the present was in 1864 when he passed through on his way home on a furlough. George C. Sipes is the only living grandchild of his grandfather Sipes' family, and Harvey has but one brother living—Abner, in the state of Indiana.

HARRISONVILLE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Siloam church will hold a festival at the M. E. Parsonage, Saturday June 26, afternoon and evening. Chicken swallup, ice cream, confectioneries and watermelons will be served. Come, eat, drink and be merry.

Harrisonville and Saluvia played a very exciting and interesting game Saturday. Score, 4 to 3 in favor of Harrisonville.

The ladies of Asbury were gratified at the large attendance at the festival, though many bemoaned the fact that "King Boreas" failed to furnish enough of the "frozen aqua" last winter and as a consequence many were disappointed in not getting enough ice cream.

The Triple Athletic club expect to cross bats with Fort Littleton on the Andover diamond next Saturday, June 26, at 2:30 p. m.

Cadiz Schoolies seems to be the champion cat catcher of this section having landed several "squirring beauties."

The Andover Stars will play the Green Ridge club on the home field Saturday June 26, at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Baer, sr., has been spending a few days at the home of her son William, of Greenhill.

WATERFALL.

The rainy weather is past and the farmers are busy plowing their corn. The rain and hail storm last Thursday done some damage to the roads and corn fields.

The Children's day at Center was largely attended. The recitations were fine and the collection small.

James Doran entertained Rev. Harry Moyer, Wm. Heefner, and wife, Mrs. Wm. C. McClain, Mrs. Wilber Berkstresser and Miss Della Hess. They report Mrs. Doran poorly yet.

J. L. Kesselring's barn is in a fair way for a big dinner. Messrs James Foreman and I. C. McClain are the builders.

Samuel McClain, of Wells Valley, brought his wife to Center for burial. Samuel, your loss is her gain. We sympathize with you.

Waterfall base ball team expects to play Coaldale soon.

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Silas Morgret.

Silas Morgret, a well known citizen of Bethel township, died at the home of his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Job Hess in Pigeon Cove, on Tuesday, June 15, 1909, aged 65 years, 1 month and 9 days. Mr. Morgret had been in his usually good health up to the Saturday before his death, when he had a stroke of apoplexy, and on the following Tuesday is supposed to have had another, from which he did not recover. His funeral took place on the 18th, conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. G. B. Powers, of Needmore, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Cedar Grove church.

During the last 43 years of his life, Mr. Morgret has been a consistent member of the Christian church, and he was an exemplary citizen. In politics, he was a Democrat, and always took an active interest in the welfare of the party of his choice. He is survived by the following children, namely, Edward, at Johnstown; Belle, wife of Job Hess, Bethel township; Sadie, wife of Mack Mellott, Needmore; W. D., Bethel township, and George, near Johnstown.

To Improve Postal Cards.

The post office at Washington is preparing to issue a new postal card. Postmaster General Hitchcock has called in the expert chemists of the department of agriculture and has instructed them to work out a formula that will give a much better paper than can be made under the contract now in force.

He says the postal cards issued by this government are inferior to the product of almost every other country and that it is contemplated to make improvements in the general style of printing and arrangement of the type and designs. It may be decided to change also the color of the ink and the tint of the paper.

The government issues seventy-five million postal cards a month. The present four-year contract expires December 31 next, and in the meantime the postmaster general is giving personal attention to devising a more substantial and ornate card.

THOMPSON.

A few of the farmers of this vicinity are making hay. Many of them expect to begin grain cutting next week.

Mrs. Lavina Funk and Blanche Gordon still continue very ill.

Mack Johnson made a business trip to New York last week.

Lem Gordon, wife and son, near McConnellsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Wm. Dyer, wife and little daughter, spent Sunday at Mrs. Lewis Weller's.

Mrs. Mack and Willard Litton attended preaching at Tonoloway church last Sunday and spent the afternoon at Mrs. Maggie Hyatt's.

Elders Funk, of Needmore, and Loulan, of Tenn., spent Saturday night in the home of John Winters. Elder Loudan preached at Damascus on Saturday evening.

Hearst Brewer and sister Miss Alice, spent Sunday afternoon with Bess Simpson.

John M. Pittman, of Pigeon Cove, spent Sunday with his brother, W. H. Pittman and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hess has returned home after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Nettie Zimmerman.

Sunday school at Damascus next Sunday, at 7 o'clock; song service conducted by W. C. Peck at 2 p. m.

The question of having a reunion of all the Odd Fellows' lodges in the County, is being agitated. The question will be submitted to the several lodges, and if it is decided in the affirmative, and held here, McConnellsburg will have one of the biggest days in its history.

VICTORY FOR CUPID.

Maybe Marriage Licenses Will Cost Only Fifty Cents.

Although the Legislature raised the fee for marriage licenses from fifty cents to \$1.00 each, it will cost no more than heretofore to get married in Lehigh county.

Clerk of Orphans' Court there, A. R. Shuler, has been advised by his attorney that inasmuch as it is a violation of the constitution to increase the emoluments of an officeholder during his term he cannot charge more than 50 cents for issuing marriage licenses.

This rule, it is claimed, applies to all counties in which the marriage license clerk gets all or part of the fees.

Balance of Court Proceedings.

The report of viewers to view a site for a county bridge at Burnt Cabins, the viewers having reported that there is no occasion for a county bridge at this place. The report was ordered filed.

In the divorce proceedings of Milton J. Unger vs. Annie E. Unger, an order of publication was issued.

Petition of J. Clark Barton, guardian of minor children of John D. H. Davis, for order to invest funds at five per cent. Order granted to invest at not less than five per cent.

Sheriff Harris came into court and by his attorney Frank P. Lynch, presented a list of the liens against the real estate of John S. Nelson and a distribution of the funds derived from sale of real estate to W. H. Nelson for \$2,520, was read in open court and confirmed nisi, to be confirmed absolutely in ten days.

The only case before the court in the way of argument was an amicable action of ejectment. It was submitted for the opinion of the court by the heirs of Jacob Laidig, deceased, as plaintiff and Grover Cleveland Mellott as defendant.

March 18, 1857 the will of Daniel Laidig, sr., of Taylor township was probated. In said will he devised certain real estate to his son Jacob Laidig during his lifetime and then to the son's heirs. Jacob Laidig died about one year ago. The land in dispute is a tract situate on the old South Penn railroad near Hustontown and was sold by the sheriff of Fulton county as the property of Jacob Laidig and transferred to different parties until the supposed title became vested in John D. H. Davis, deceased, and sold by him to Grover Cleveland Mellott by quit claim deed. Now, the heirs of Jacob Laidig seek to recover the lands under the will bequeathing to the children of said Jacob Laidig. Judge Swope will render opinion at later day.

WELLS TANNERY.

Among those who visited in our beautiful valley recently are: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sattaux, of Hope-Well, in the home of G. E. Truax; Will Sweet and wife, and Mrs. Shannon, of Saxton, in the homes of their different relatives here; William Wyrick and wife of South fork, at Albert Hessel's; Mrs. Clarence Stewart, of Galtzin, at George A. Stewart's; Mrs. Elsie McDaniels, of Everett, at A. S. Greenland's; Miss Margaret Gaster and Dr. Kent, of Altoona, at William Harmon's.

Mrs. Amanda Snow is away visiting her son John at Robinsonville, Bedford county.

John A. Wjshart, has returned from the hospital at Lewistown greatly benefited by his treatment there. The indications now are, that he will be a stronger man than for years past.

Our baseball team played Laidig and Langondale last Saturday, and we regret to have to report that they were snowed under in both cases. Our boys have the ginger, but they are boys that do not leave work at home undone for the sake of spending more money practicing.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Prof. N. E. M. Hoover, of West Dublin, was in town last Saturday.

W. H. Shoemaker, of Carlisle, was among the visitors to town on Monday.

Mr. Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton, registered at the Fulton House last Friday.

Auctioneer Wible and his wife, of Knobsville, spent last Friday afternoon in McConnellsburg.

Quite a number of our young people attended the ball game and festival at Fort Loudon on Saturday.

B. H. Shaw, Hustontown's hustling marble and granite man was in town attending to business last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKibbin, of Hancock, Md., spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. George A. Harris, in this place.

John M. Spangler, a student at the State College during the past year, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Spangler, for his summer vacation.

D. L. Grissinger made a trip to Chambersburg last week in his new automobile. Dan manages the steering wheel with all the ease of a trained chauffeur.

Miss Pearl Garland, a student in the Tri State Business College, Cumberland, Md., came home last week to spend the hot weather months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garland.

Edgar Alexander, who has been spending the past school year as a student in the Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pa., is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Alexander for his summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Nace and daughters Miss Nellie and Jessie (Mrs. John Hoover) and the latter's little daughter Marjorie, all of Chambersburg, returned home the first of this week after having spent several days in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Samuel J. Comerer and son Walter, of Dixon, Ill., are spending this week among their Fulton county relatives and friends. It has been sixteen years since the Comerer family left this place to make their home in Illinois, and Mrs. Comerer and her son are receiving warm greetings from their numerous friends here, who feel that the visit is all too short. They expect to return home in about a week, making a month's absence from home.

Among those attending the Commencement exercises at the Cumberland Valley State Normal School this week are Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rinedollar, Miss Helen Kendall, Miss Rhoda Kendall, Miss Florence Johnston, and Miss Janet Patterson. Among those from this neighborhood who are graduates from that institution this week are Miss Helen Johnston, Miss Maude Rinedollar, Miss Hattie B. Kendall, Miss Mary Houston, Miss Martha Kendall and Miss Maye Mellott.

Daniel Cox, of Oswego, N. Y., and his niece, Mrs. Myers, a daughter of James Cox at Richmond Furnace, Franklin county, drove over the mountain and spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Friday. Daniel lived here soon after the War, his father residing in the old hotel property at the top of Cove mountain on the Chambersburg pike.

During the early 80's he was married to Miss Laura, eldest sister of County Treasurer Charlie Stevens, who lived but a few years after her marriage. This was his first visit to the old town in twenty years, and Mr. Cox noticed with pleasure many improvements.